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Application Number	10/031,501
Filing Date	January 15, 2002
First Named Inventor	John J. Cooper
Art Unit	1754
Examiner Name	Wayne A. Langel
Attorney Docket Number	16-080

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.
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1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on _____

ii. ☒ Other Amendment filed January 14, 2004

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)

iv. ☒ Other Amendment filed herewith

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees**

The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to

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i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) 03/12/2004 MGE BREM1 00000129 10031501

ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:2801 385.00 OP

iii. ☒ Other Any additional fee(s) required

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PATENT

In re application of: Cooper, John J.
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

The present Amendment is concurrently filed with a Request for Continued Examination in the above-reference application. Please enter the following amendments to the claims:

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